



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Community Planning and Physical Services Committee
Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 312
Monday, December 18, 2017, 5:30 PM

In attendance: Ben Wenograd, Chris Barnes, Beth Kerrigan, Matt Hart, John Phillips, Mark McGovern and Duane Martin.

1. Call to Order: 5:32
2. Communications
 - a. 10/17/2017 Minutes (Attachment, pg. 2)
3. Public Works Updates
 - a. Staff Reports – DPW has closed out all fall projects and has begun winter operations, although leaf bags will still be collected through December, weather permitting. A Recycling Day is scheduled for January 30th at the DPW yard to collect cardboard and e-waste.
 - 4b. The agenda was taken out of order to accommodate residents from Cadwell St.

Staff outlined a proposal to address the issue of Cadwell Street, a private road that is need of re-paving, yet has unclear ownership. Land records do not indicate whether it is owned by residents or the Town. Staff is proposing to re-pave, 1 time, provided residents take on the responsibility of snow removal and bring all barrels and bags to Farmington Avenue as it is unsafe to back large trucks onto Farmington Avenue and the weight of the trucks will deteriorate a newly surfaced roadway.

Residents of Cadwell St., like residents of other private roads, received a letter stating that plowing and curbside services would cease unless the roadway was repaved.

There are 10.5 miles of private roads in Town; about half receive services.

It would cost the Town approximately \$20,000 to rebuild and re-pave Cadwell. To improve to Town standards for a public street, property takes would be required to widen and to include appropriate turn around at the end. Storm water facilities would also be needed.

Residents spoke in opposition to the proposal since they do not own the road. They were encouraged by the committee to present an alternative to staff.

b. SMART – Waste Management (Attachment, pg. 4)

CT DEEP is interested in doing a workshop with the Council on Pay as You Throw. This program is an attempt to meet waste diversion goals that reduce waste volumes and create new revenue streams. The Town will need to decide to move in this direction or consider privatizing waste collection completely as other towns do since major cost increases are on the horizon.

The committee discussed how other towns have gone to private collection whereby residents are free to contract with private haulers. It was noted that it was important to consider all options, such as different sized barrels, pay as you throw and full privatization.

Staff reported that while recycling is up, waste volume hasn't gone down. The pilot food waste program will help understand how much waste can be diverted in a household.

Approximately 40 of 169 municipalities provide trash pick-up.

The committee asked DPW to schedule a work shop that show a range of options.

4. Community Development Updates

- a. Staff Reports – Two SDD applications are expected soon. One is for 25 townhomes on Ringgold Street and the other is an amendment to 243 Steele Road to permit the construction of one additional building.

The Town Planner is working on two significant Site Plan approval. One is the renovation of the northeast corner of New Britain Ave. and South Main Street. This commercial building will be renovated and one new tenant added. In addition, eight townhomes are proposed for the corner of S. Quaker and Talcott Road.

Fifteen businesses have signed onto the employee parking program at the Town Center Garage and 30 individuals have purchased monthly passes.

- b. Cadwell Street (Attachment, pg. 7) – See above

- c. Trout Brook Trail Project Extension (Attachment, pg. 9)

The resolution to authorize the contract extension with DEEP for construction funding was tabled in September based on questions related to a DEEP maintenance agreement for the floodway. An extension is needed because DEEP required additional information which delayed the construction start. While staff is still awaiting DEEP feedback on design revisions, staff hopes to initiate construction in the spring. Staff was directed to bring the resolution back to Council at its next meeting.

d. Entertainment License Ordinance

Staff reported on plans to propose revisions to the Entertainment Ordinance, including the establishment of parking requirements for venues with Entertainment Licenses.

A draft will be brought to the next committee meeting.

5. Adjournment – 7:11

DRAFT